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acceptable, as they were not in conformity with the principles adopted by the Government in connexion with the revision of the pay-scales in 1947. The Government informed the Association accordingly. The Association was also informed that if individual cases of hardship or anomalies were brought to their notice due consideration would be given to them. Subsequent to the general revision of the pay-scales in 1947, the Government made a further revision of the scales of pay of certain posts, when they felt that the scales were inadequate or caused anomalies (e.g.), Peons, Compounders in medical institutions, Health Inspectors, Shroffs, etc.''

Formation of a Land Colonization Co-operative Society in Bapatla taluk.

* 263-H *Q.*—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the villagers of Perali of Bapatla taluk, Guntur district requesting the Government to form a Land Colonization Co-operative Society and assign the 1,500 acres of cultivable waste lying around;

(*b*) whether the District Collector of Guntur had submitted any proposals in this matter; and

(*c*) the steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—'' (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

'' (*c*) In view of the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) this question does not arise.''

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA:—'' Sir, in view of the information given in my question itself that 1,500 acres of waste lands are there, will the Government consider at least now to organize co-operative societies for the landless poor? ''

MR. SPEAKER:—'' The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question.''

Restrictions of the number of seats in the bus route between Sendurai and Madanathur, Tiruchirappalli.

* 263-I *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Regional Transport Authorities are empowered to determine or limit the number of seats that should be fixed to a bus irrespective of the full seating capacity of the bus;

(*b*) if so, the circumstances under which they could so restrict; and

(*c*) the reasons for restricting the number of seats to 18 only in Selvam Motor Service running between Sendurai and Madanathur in Udayarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district?

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) In regard to opening of the route Sendurai to Madanathur, the Divisional Engineer (Highways) advised the Regional Transport Authority, Tiruchirappalli, that any increase in the bus traffic on the sector Jayakondam to Madanathur, will tell upon the surface of the road. As, however, there was demand for additional transport facilities, the Regional Transport Authority gave permits restricting the seating capacity of the bus to 18 excluding the driver and the conductor."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that another service by name Soundaram Transport Service is permitted to run with a capacity of 40 or more seats, do the Government think that permitting this bus service also to run with full capacity will affect the condition of the road? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the service referred to by the hon. Member was already in existence. This is a new service and we were advised that the road will not stand a 40-seater bus and therefore we gave permit to a 18-seater bus."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Before we take up the next item on the agenda, I wish to explain to the House the point of order raised by Sri V. Gopalakrishnaiah, regarding answering of questions by Hon. Ministers. The Hon. Minister may on grounds of public interest or some other ground decline to answer a question. Ministers have also been allowed on the ground of public interest to answer a question appearing on the notice paper but not put. Suppose a Member puts a supplementary question and the Speaker says it does not arise out of the main question, and the Minister says in public interest he wants to answer that particular question. Speakers have allowed that, though the supplementary question does not arise out of the main question."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Does that not involve ignoring the advice of the Hon. Speaker? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" In the public interest, the Minister can answer the question. Speakers have allowed such answers. (Many hon. Members stood up in their seats.) I am not going to allow any more discussion on the subject."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" I do not want to discuss that question, Sir. I want to refer to another important matter. Whenever Ministers refuse to answer questions they can say so instead of keeping quiet. The House is not able to understand the Hon. Minister if he keeps quiet. What I would request you is to instruct them to express their opinion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already informed the House that the Speaker cannot give directions to the Hon. Ministers."

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SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Does it mean that the Hon. Ministers can sit mum? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already said that the House has other weapons in its hands."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 24 OF THE MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I beg to move—

' *That rule 24 of the Madras Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, the 2nd April 1953.*'

" Sir, this will have reference only to the morning session, that is, from 8-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. We may reassemble in the afternoon at 3 p.m. and sit till 6 p.m. and transact non-official business."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The motion is—

' That rule 24 of the Madras Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, the 2nd April 1953.' "

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know, Sir, when this sitting will come to a close? "

3-50 p.m. * SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, last time when we discussed about the evening session, we accepted it as a temporary measure. The point is the evening session would be a short session and the morning session a longer one. Morning time is interesting because we are all fresh. Evening time is very dull because we will be tired. The point is whether the non-official business should come in the evening and the official business in the morning or the non-official business should come in the morning and the official business in the evening. I feel we can finish off the non-official resolutions in the morning when we are fresh."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as a matter of fact this arrangement was first agreed to by Mr. Nagi Reddi and other leaders. It was further represented that, if it was possible we could have non-official business in the evening and I agreed to that. After all, non-official business is more interesting even though we sit in the evening. Even though we get tired, because it is interesting, we can conduct the non-official business in the evening. Official business is generally dull and let us therefore take it up in the morning session when we are fresh."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" I think we are doing our work amidst the dead heat. Cannot the Speaker save us by applying the provisions of the Shop Assistants Act to us also? "

* SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Sir, we are given only limited opportunities. But even that the Hon. Minister is taking away."